

The status of Welsh seas...

Healthy oceans

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) cover **50%** of seas



Home to the only Coastal National Park in Britain (Pembrokeshire)

60% of the population

live or work by the coast



Marine industries contribute **£7billion+** annually



Threats

Half of the wildlife within MPAs are struggling



No MPA is fully protected from **all damaging activities**



238 litter items /100m 2020



Rapid renewable energy development is threatening wildlife



Tackling the climate crisis

113 mill tonnes of carbon are stored in Welsh seas



= ten years of our current emissions



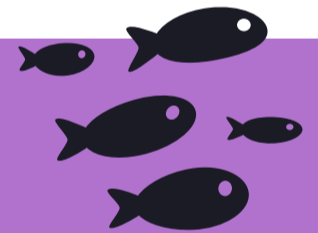
Welsh seas capture the same fuel consumption as **115,600 return flights from Cardiff to the Canary Islands**, every year



What is needed from Welsh Government:

To ensure that our seas are healthy for years to come, we need to:

- 1 Remove damaging activities from MPAs and increase funding
- 2 30% highly protected and 10% fully protected Welsh MPAs by 2030
- 3 Create new Marine Conservation Zones, particularly in offshore waters
- 4 Holistic marine spatial planning that directs development away from nature



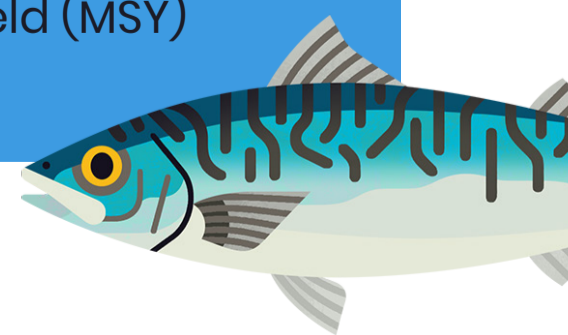
To turn the tide of Wales' waste problem, we need:

- 1 An all-inclusive deposit return scheme for drinks containers
- 2 Move to a reusable economy
- 3 Reduce single use plastics through bans, labelling and extended producer responsibility
- 4 Ban PFAS 'forever chemicals' for non-essential use



To achieve sustainable fisheries in Wales, we need to:

- 1 Implement remote electronic monitoring (REM) for vessels over 10m
- 2 In-vehicle monitoring systems (IVMS) placed on smaller vessels
- 3 Restore fish stocks to deliver Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)



To tackle the climate crisis in Wales, we need:

- 1 A 'Blue Carbon Recovery Plan' to restore seabed habitats
- 2 Halt damaging activities on Blue Carbon Habitats
- 3 Reduce the carbon footprint of fisheries and aquaculture production